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SUBJECT: GOM ERADICATION AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY REPORT,  
JULY 17-23, 1978, AND FIELD OPERATIONS THROUGH JULY 28, 1978

1. GOM ERADICATION AND ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS FOR THE 29TH  
WEEK OF 1978 ARE OUTLINED BELOW. FIGURES IN PARENTHESIS RE-  
FLECT CUMULATIVE TOTALS SINCE DECEMBER 1977.

ERADICATION, JULY 17-23, 1978

	ZONES 5-9	3-4	1-2	TOTAL	
A. POPPY FIELDS	0	0	46	46	(15,510)
B. HECTARES	0	0	.47	.47	(1259.5)
C. MARIHUANA FIELDS	171	74	415	660	(3,997)
D. HECTARES	6.85	3.75	33.4	44.032	(555)
E. MIXED FIELDS	0	0	0	0	(113)
F. HECTARES	0	0	0	0	(18)

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ENFORCEMENT, JULY 17-23, 1978

	TOTAL THIS PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
A. KG. HEROIN	1.598	79.308
B. KG. OPIUM	0	297.837

C. KG. OPIUM SEED	.300	95.639
D. HEROIN LABS	0	14
E. HASHISH/MARIHUANA LABS	0	2
F. DANGEROUS DRUG LABS	0	3
G. KG. COCAINE	.525	46.756
H. KG. MARIHUANA	22,664.5	412,035
I. KG. MARIHUANA SEED	96.665	1,778.73
J. KG. HASHISH	0	63.875
K. LITERS HASHISH OIL	0	.250
L. KG. PEYOTE - - -	0	11.850
M. D.U. DANGEROUS DRUGS	0	20,841,566
N. DANGEROUS DRUGS TABLET		
MAKING MACHINES	0	3
O. ARRESTS, MEXICANS -	101	2,866
P. ARRESTS, U.S. - -	2	98
Q. ARRESTS OTHERS - -	0	31
R. VEHICLES - - - -	12	447
S. WEAPONS - - - -	24	935
T. AMMUNITION - -	538	38,605
U. PESOS - - - -	\$72,000	\$3,214,288
V. DOLLARS - - - -	0	74,642
W. AIRCRAFT - - - -	0	30
X. VESSELS - -	0	1

2. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR THE 29TH WEEK OF 1978 HAVE BEEN COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORTY-SIX (46) POPPY FIELDS COVERING 0.47 HECTARES WERE DESTROYED DURING THE 29TH WEEK OF 1978, WHEREAS 131 POPPY FIELDS COVERING 5.41 HECTARES WERE DESTROYED DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977. THE ONLY AREAS REPORTING POPPY DESTRUCTION ARE ZONES 1 AND 2 IN 1977 AND 1978 FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

### 3. FIELD OPERATIONS

A. PLANS FOR JOINT GOM/USG VERIFICATION OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN FINALIZED. FIVE TEAMS WILL BEGIN OPERATIONS AUGUST 5, 1978, AND WILL CONTINUE FOR 30-45 DAYS. FLIGHTS WILL BEGIN IN CHIHUAHUA AND PROCEED DOWN EASTERN SIERRA MADRE ALONG GULF STATES TO CHIAPAS; RETURN ALONG WESTERN SIDE ALONG PACIFIC COAST UP TO SONORA.

B. FINAL REPORT ON FIELD TESTING OF COLORANTS TO BE USED WITH FUMIGATION OF MARIHUANA COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO GOM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. TESTS OF A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE COLORANTS DISCLOSED THAT RHODAMINE-B EXCELLS OTHERS IN TERMS OF PERMANENCY, EASE OF IDENTIFICATION AND EASE OF USE.

### 4. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

A. AVIATION OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE: INFLIGHT BELL 206  
HELICOPTER EXPERIENCED TAIL ROTOR FAILURE WHILE APPROACHING  
TO LAND 100 MILES NORTH OF CULIACAN. NO BODILY INJURY NOR  
MAJOR AIRCRAFT DAMAGE SUFFERED. INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY  
TEAM INCLUDING U.S. ADVISOR CARSON DISPATCHED TO SCENE. ONE  
BELL 212 HELICOPTER BEING REPAIRED BY RAMAPO PROCEEDING  
AND TARGET DATE PROMISES AVAILABILITY FOR FALL CAMPAIGN.  
THIS REPRESENTS LAST AIRCRAFT REPAIRS UNDER BELL CONTRACT.

B. TELECOMMUNICATIONS: OFFSHORE NAVIGATION INC. HAS  
MADE FINAL CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH GOM. LORAN-C TESTS  
GEAR TO BE SHIPPED TO MEXICO AUGUST 15. INSTALLATION OF  
GEAR AND ERECTION OF TELECOM TOWER WILL PERMIT FLIGHT TESTS  
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TO BEGIN AUGUST 28. TESTS TO BE COMPLETED SEPTEMBER 8.  
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